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For: PROTEASE

Dear Mr. Player:

This is in response to your communication received 23 October 2002 requesting the status of U.S. application 09/869,309. Office records show that U.S. application 09/869,309 is before the United States Designated/Elected Office for processing of applicants' 16 October 2001 response. Applicant will receive further correspondence shortly.

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